

Survey # Q25. What comes to mind when you hear "Columbia Parks & Recreation"

- Park and recreational activities in Columbia, Missouri
- The amount of money spent. Other problems seem more pressing, for example infrastructure.
- The city currently wastes money because they overpay for property because it is enriching the current town bosses or "property favorites". I support nothing the city does. I do like the trails.
- Cosmo Park, soccer, Armory Tai Chi and trails all around
- Nature stimulates the brain more than park structures do. I love the trails to go running. It's beautiful.
- Quality and progressive.
- Warmth. Community. Competence.
- A good place to play.
- Bloated, unsustainable and out of touch. Pleasant staff. Champagne taste and beer budget, reluctant decision makers.
- One of the best!
- Nature and a place for community.
- Baseball, our three boys played baseball.
- Awesome, affordable family oriented activities.
- A great community program.
- Good activities for the family which promotes good sense of wellbeing mentally and physically.
- A) 1/8 sales tax isn't much but combined with everything else..... B) Build a minor league stadium to attract a baseball team, preferably affiliated with Cardinals/Royals.
- Outdoor experience connect with nature. Makes the town feel more native oriented.
- They are nice for people to get outdoors.
- Promoting and maintaining community parks and facilities and activities for all ages.
- Cosmo Park, ARC and trails.
- Physical activity. Family Activities.
- Too much money wasted!
- Outstanding parks, trails and fitness facilities, (ARC). Thank you!
- Great parks! Want to keep them that way. Increase parks and trails! Need MORE police, that should be TOP PRIORITY in all of this please.
- Wonderful parks with a wide variety for all our citizens.
- Many good options; easily accessible; Native plants; great views and photo opportunities; well-used; good exercise!
- Swimming pools, youth parks, ARC. I would be supportive of a permanent park sales tax that was less than 1/8%. Columbia sales tax combined seems high and gives people an unfortunate impression of our City.
- ARC, Stephens Lake Park, Cosmo Park, trails.
- I think they are doing a great job of the parks in Columbia.
- We're lucky to live here.
- Very proud of our parks and facilities in Columbia.

- The quality of a city can be determined by the quality of it's parks.
- Cosmo Park.
- Excellence.
- Good program! Still would like to see seasonal or permanent ice rink.
- Fun. Children. Summer.
- Good trails, Stephens Park.
- We have enough land, maintain what we have.
- For relaxation, friends, exercise, fresh air, new life!
- Parks and trails.
- The wonderful outdoor parks!
- One of the best features of Columbia.
- We have a good park system
- Stephens Park Community BBQ's. Entertainment, (live bands, etc.) Rock and Blues.
- We love Columbia Parks and Recreation and would be supportive of almost anything you all do.
- Softball fields, ARC and trails.
- Makes me happy and ready to get out.
- MKT Trail.
- Recreational fun.

I am very supportive of Columbia Park and Recreation. I believe that out trails and parks are the best feature of living in Columbia. I can't think of any other area , (other than infrastructure

- needs) on which our tax dollars are better spent.
- Trails, ARC, soccer fields.
- The entity that manages our parks, trails and green spaces. Also, the cities recreational facilities and develops and manages the programs.
- Efficient, sometime hard headed. Does a good job. Ahead of the curve.
- Katy Trail, lots of options, good facilities.
- The over expansion of one thing at the expense of city needs!
- Excellent facilities.
- Diverse choices - great trails.

I understand the tax is dedicated, but I'm tired of seeing money spent on things when money is so desperately needed for basics like infrastructure and public safety. The city leaders have their priorities all screwed up.

- Cosmo Park.
- Doing okay, but needs to keep planning ahead and staying within current funding.

I'm proud of our town's park and recreation department. It's one of my favorite parts of Columbia. It's where I take visitors. It is very important to our family.

- Great opportunity for fun and healthy activities.

You always ask for feedback and then you just do what ever you want to do. I will not support any additional tax money to Parks and Rec until this attitude changes.

- The only adequately funded department is the City of Columbia. A very nice system, but in many cases, a luxury at the expense of necessity.

- Soccer, parks, tennis, ARC.
Well funded but want to put a trail in every block of green space. Spend too much on trails, even though I enjoy using them. Spend my tax dollars for ARC, but then don't charge enough to cover the cost. Too many people using the facility for free/reduced costs.
- MKT trail and Stephens Park.
- Out of control spending. Over abundance of tax dollars to spend.
- Job well done.
- It is part of what makes Columbia one of the BEST places to live in the United States.
- MKT trail, Stephens Lake Park, positive impression.
- Softball.
- Our beautiful trails! Trees, we love trees that are protected and maintained.
"Wasteful spending", obviously these people making these spending decisions are not from Columbia, those born here.
- Stellar Parks and trail system. Outstanding Park and Recreation system for a community this size.
- Scam, Bait and Switch.
- Exercise/health.
- A jewel!
- Use the ARC often. Family use the trails, other multi sports.
- Even though do not use park facilities actively, I have children and grandchildren who do.
Parks, trails, pools. As an addition, a competitive pool should be built, but an eight lane pool like in question 14S would be a tremendous waste. A 50 meter pool is the pool that is part of an indoor facility is the only to go.
- Important to Columbia.
- ARC, City parks.
- Very favorable.
- MKT trail.
- Good work.
- A place for grandkids to play.
- Golf courses.
Recreation, but for a fee. It's important to keep the fees within reach of all community members and not price anyone out of the system.
- Sports facilities, parks and playgrounds and trails.
- Quality parks and recreation opportunities.
- Fun! Beautiful parks! Family gatherings!
- The ARC, soccer fields, golf courses.
Bonnie View Park has been great except for the bikers who don't respect people and their dogs walking. When the bikers use it as a bike trail and they act it is only for bikes. It is really hard to hear a bell ring as they approach at a fast pace or speed.
- Quality facilities.
- Quality, value.

- Cosmo.
- Positive.
- Wonderful department, need more connectivity among ALL trails; more manicured/decorative leash-free dog parks.
- Great services. My kids greatly benefited from all the parks/athletic fields/pools offered in Columbia. We don't use them as much as before since they are grown, but are very supportive of Parks and Recreation.
- I like all of Columbia Parks and Recreation, especially the ARC.
- Supporting the youth of the community.
- Lots of trails and the ARC.
- Columbia has many parks and trails.
- Largest city in the US without an ice rink!!! It never finishes high on your survey because Columbia hasn't been exposed to it since 1980. Columbia is very limited on activities in the winter and can support an ice facility if done right. Do not use Jefferson City as a sounding board, horribly run facility.
- The city should be as efficient as possible in preserving existing equipment. In particular, the Cosmo playground did not need to be replaced, and some of the new equipment is either dangerous, boring or both.
- Family friendly spaces.
- Gratitude.
- Great cities have great parks.
- One of the best reasons Columbia is such a nice place to live and raise a family.
- CP & R is a needed program for community development. A non-bias over - sight committee should always be in place.
- I wish I had more time for parks and trails, but as a busy professional, I just don't. I still support parks, open spaces, and environmental programs.
- MKT.
- Access to the outdoors that is close to my home.
- I think of being outside walking with our dogs or riding on the MKT for breakfast ride.
- Survey.
- ARC, trails, Stephens Lake area.
- They do not know how to manage Forum Nature area and cut down all the nature flowering plants including milkweed, it's to P&R's detriment too. Not sure I can support a department that doesn't know how to properly manage a wetlands nature area.
- For us, the trails come to mind first. We commute by bike, run/jog, hike, walk, take photographs, bike for fun, walk the dogs. In my opinion, the trail system is the best thing about Columbia. The parks tax is about the only tax we would vote for without reservation.
- Love all the parks and trails and sports venue that Columbia has!
- A safe environment for kids.
- Keep up the good work!
- Waste!

- Outdoor family fun!
- The TV show.
- Quality exercise and outdoor experience. Enhances community identity. Best parks and recreation facilities of any city where I have lived.
- Green pride.
- Trails.
- ARC, parks, trails.
- Great community resource.
- Great!
- I have never lived in a city with such developed parks and nature paths. It is one of the things I find most charming about this town.
- Places and programs for sports, walking, running, swimming, picnic.
- A nice park system.
- Relaxing, fishing, gatherings and social functions, entertainment.
- Trails and parks.
- Pride of Columbia.
- Great.
- Parks.
- We hardly have sidewalks over here. Can't even walk to the park without getting run over.
- Golf, softball, trails, high fees.
- In past years, we have enjoyed many of the programs and facilities. With grown children and present limited mobility, we have not been able to take advantage of many provided.
- I feel like Columbia has a bunch of wonderful parks that are used by a few people. We have plenty of parks/per person for a city the size of Columbia. We do not need more parks!! Spend money maintaining the parks we have.
- Sports and fun!
- Nice system, but too much money and focus is given to Parks and Rec. We have other needs in the community that need to be funded.
- Neighborhood parks. Trails.
- It's too large. Growth before maintenance.
- Would you mind putting up trash cans with ash trays so nobody starts a fire with their cigarettes? It'd be awesome.
- Usually sports.
- Columbia has invested good money in Parks and Recreation. I especially like walking trails.
- Please keep protecting our trees. We need green space.
- Place where I played as a kid and I love my kids get to enjoy the same park.
- Intramural sports, pools, parks, ARC, camp.
- ARC
- Want to go to one.
- Exercise, something for all different age groups and dogs to go somewhere safe and enjoy life.
- Nice programs for children's basketball, softball and football. Nice things come to my mind.

- Katy Trail and MKT Trail. We go to the Scott location and Twin Lakes. My boyfriend goes to Finger Lakes for dirt biking if that's funded by Columbia, we love it.
- Oh beautiful fortunate Columbia compared to other similar towns. Scary worker who glares while I run at Stephens.
- Quality, vision, success, effective.
- Good for city youth.
- Good resources that could be utilized better.
- I love our Parks and Recreation opportunities. The five year renewal will pass easily. Republican agenda will hurt chances of making it permanent. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my opinions.
- "They spend a lot of money". I like some of your funding, but further acquisition without maintenance on current facilities/parks is not advised. Show me you are maintaining everything I can agree with expanding.
- Thankful for all the parks and outdoor recreation opportunities in Columbia.
- Quality parks, but expensive.
- Wonderful, well kept facilities.
- Parks, fun, birthdays, exercise.
- Although I like basketball courts in parks, they seem to draw a rough crowd and I don't appreciate that.
- Generally positive.
- Swimming, walking, social activities.
- MKT Trail, a wonderful resource that enhances quality of life for all.
- Lots of employees. Lots of money being spent.
- Dog park and Gans Creek recreational area. What are the plans for Gans Creek?
- Bear Creek trail and Albert Oakland Park.
- Masterful vision for COMO Parks, but overcommitted and understaffed. There needs to be a better scheduling procedure to ensure that park commitments are developed on time, according to City resolutions, instead of whenever park staff gets around to it.
- Cosmo Park, baseball fields, MKT, dog parks.
- Exercise, fun, green space, vegetation.
- Good job, wise use of money.
- Outdoor activities.
- Excellent. City and residents should be proud!!
- When it comes to a recreational tax, such as funding parks, there should not be a permanent tax, but one voted on as economies and family financial situations are constantly changing. It is nice to have play areas so nearby subdivisions so children have a place to play. Also, nice to have indoor facilities during winter/cold months, however ARC is rather costly.
- Funding for Columbia Parks and Recreation too often goes to, or is sometimes diverted to the "good 'ole boys" who profit more that they should from taxpayer funded projects.
- Dog parks.
- Nothing.

- Fun and quality.
- Fun.
- Columbia Parks and Recreations should advertise their activities and prioritize and excel on several "key" activities rather than spread over so many activities done poorly.
- Walking and biking trails! Hard working staff who love their jobs! Thanks to ALL, every single one of you! Please try harder to use a Missouri firm/employees for ALL future surveys! We need to support Missouri job opportunities.!
- Stephens Park.
- Running, walking.
- Stephens Lake Park and MKT Trail, (only wish I had more convenient access to the trail from my neighborhood, Rothwell Heights).
- Great job on making Columbia a wonderful place to live.
- Too many biking trails!
- Awesome service!
- Physical activity.
- MKT Trail, Stephens Park, ARC.
- I hear fun for the kids, something for them to do. The kids really need to get out and away from video games. Give them somewhere to spend their quality time, and not on the streets!
- Partiality.
- Very positive.
- Katy Trail. Baby!
- Spend, spend, spend, bike lanes, trails.
- Lovin' it!
- Positive thoughts. A progressive department.
- The city is doing a good job maintaining parks. Would like to see a facility to hold basketball, soccer, volleyball, indoor tournaments. I have seen these in several other cities and can be used for many purposes.
- Take care of what we have, stop spending money people don't have. Take care of what we have now!
- I love it! I hope we can continue to protect the land while also providing great incentives for our residents to stay fit and healthy!
- Trails, parks and nice walks.
- Summer activities for my grandkids. We love to do things with them.
- Overfunded, too many facilities, wasteful spending.
- Great resource!314
- Columbia has some great parks and open space trails. My family has really enjoyed many.
- Award-winning!
- Great people, staff, volunteers and visitors.
- That department helps make Columbia a great place to live. Positive feeling.
- Playgrounds.

- Thank goodness we live in a town where parks and recreation is more than a baseball field where untamed lands are within a walk.
- Entertainment.
- Good parks for all. Love Hillcrest and ARC.
- Wasteful.
- In this economy, I think we should limit new park development and mostly maintain what we already have, which is a lot. Commit to less and reduce the tax amount. We are over-taxed.
- Parks are wonderful but not essential.
- Walking and biking.
- Great alternatives for Columbia. Makes for a wholesome feeling community.
- Beautiful spaces to enjoy family time outdoors, or competing on sports teams and watching them. Exercise and open space.
- Cosmo Park. For all the years our children played recreation soccer.
- Our great trails, bike paths, all the great activities offered at ARC and around town, great parks. Supportive of this vibrant/active community. Helps our town stay attractive to businesses and young people.
- Good facilities. Personally afraid of bureaucratic mess if allowed permanent tax. Voting keeps projects in check and opinions heard! This survey is a perfect example. I feel if tax becomes permanent, this may go away.
- doing a good job with limited resources.
- Trails and playgrounds.
- Respected department that uses well the funds they have.
- Good organization, good intentions, good performance. BUT, we have far greater needs in this city than more new trails and bike paths.
- Good. Want what we have well maintained. Expansion is needed. Sport fields can also be by private interests.
- Parks, ARC, recreational activities, the City.
- Cosmo, soccer.
- Positive thoughts. Columbia parks were a major reason we moved here from Pennsylvania.
- Thank you!
- Provide and maintain recreational activities and parks for the community.
- Trails/biking/walking/children parks.
- Too many trails, too much spending. I think as a city, we need to consider directing some of this money to our Police Department for more officers.
- Positive feelings: green grass, open space, healthy recreation! Tax money well spent.
- Family recreation.
- Stephens Park, trails, swimming, playgrounds, fishing, etc, etc, etc.
- Great trails, active community.
- Amazing! People from other cities have commented to me about how great parks are. Parks and Recreation provide a variety of parks and contribute to the betterment of our community.
- The majority of services available are FREE for the public to use.

- Positive feelings, but worried about affordability. Raising taxes may cause Columbia to lose population and quality of life decline over time. Be careful! Enough parks/trails for now.
- Trails
- ARC, MKT, Bethel/Cosmo Park, soccer.
- The ARC, youth sports.
- Variety, sports, fun, activities, wellness. Splat Run is a favorite.
- The items listed in this survey.
- Good facilities, safe, usable fun for kids and all ages.
- Fun activities made possible.

- It provides a fundamental service to this community. Investing in parks is a strategic decision. It defines what a city wants to be, and I want Columbia to be an example in this field.
- Sorry to be negative on this survey, I am new to Columbia and too old.
- Community.
- The trail system, parks, the ARC.
- Parks.
- The reason why I stay in Columbia.
- We have an excellent program.
- Diverse.
- Swimming pools.
- Value to living in this town, Safe places to take my family.
- Love it, lots of fun things to do!
- MKT trail and Stephens Lake Park.
- My home Parks and Rec. Bobby Chick and Mike Griggs are good friends.
- Maintains my favorite trails!
- Programs that improve health and fitness, both mental and physical.
- 1st) Cosmo Park and nature trails. 2nd) Aquatic facilities.
- Extra expense that should go to the streets and sewers.
- Great parks, trails and recreation!
- First class facilities and valuable asset to Columbia.
- Trails (MKT and Katy), dog park, Stephens Lake Park.
- Safe, environmentally friendly areas to unwind.

- The ARC "was" a wonderful facility, but recently it has been poorly managed. The class programming is stale and the administration doesn't listen to suggestions of how to improve it!
- Recreation.
- A city that cares about giving it's residents pleasant, safe and enjoyable places to go for exercise and appreciating nature.
- City park on Bethel Street and Cosmo Park.

- Bloated bureaucracy not taking care of existing parks trash, etc. But always getting bigger. Over spending on most projects. The 1/8 tax just feeds a lust to spend. Never ending spending mentality by city.
- Flowers.
- Strong community.
- The city council thinks it is a primary priority. I believe essential service and public safety should be local government's priority.
- Please continue to take care of what we have. We do not need to expand at this time if it means neglecting existing yards, especially Cosmo Park.
- Upgrade golf courses.
- One of the reasons Columbia is such a nice place to live.
- Proud.
- Walking trails, Cosmo Park, Stephens Lake, etc.
- Good department, well run.
- Trails and playgrounds and pools.
- Nice!
- Convenient, clean, diverse.
- Good things.
- Easy fun for all ages, education, health and fitness, relaxation.
- I feel safer in some areas and wish some of the other areas could meet that standard.
- Happy they have scholarship for low income.
- Love parks and trails and variety! Curious to plans for Norma Sutherland Park near Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School.
- MKT is a gem and extremely important to Columbia. We need more parks, fields, etc. on south side of town.
- MKT trail - love it! Too much spent on "sharing the road" with bikers, bike lanes.
- Leisure magazine I receive in the mail. I am grateful for the awesome vision and contribution this department gives to our city. It improves the quality of life for our youth and all citizens!
- Parks and trails.
- Activity.
- Fun! I used to have a household size of 5 and when kid were younger, we used the pools, nature areas, baseball fields, picnic areas, skate park, swim beach, etc. as well as things I marked here in this survey and used them very frequently. Love the way parks have improved in the 25 years I've lived here! Need "ice skating" though.
- Trails! We need to refocus our money on the priority issues Columbia is brushing under the rug. We need to maintain what we have and stop building new. I will not vote for a renewal if expansion is the focus!
- If I was younger and still had children at home, lots of my answers would have been different.
- I really enjoy our Parks and Recreation department. Good job!

- Cosmo Park and other parks. We are very pleased with our city's parks and recreation sites and activities. Thank you!
- All the resources I see daily as I drive around the city and the variety of nearby recreational opportunities I have, like big regional parks too!

- If the tax is needed, cut spending in another area to provide this income for parks and recreation. I was taxed at a rate of 46% this year and am sick of my earnings being taken and spent on things I either don't agree with or are not "needed". Parks and recreation does not provide "needs".
- Awesome.
- Fishing.
- I appreciate all the programs available from the parks and recreation. My daughters are currently in martial arts classes and we love all the parks and trails.
- Lots of great classes for kids and the whole family.

- Bicycle trails and markings - NOT POSITIVE! Too much money has been spent on those items.
- The ARC, big parks, softball, tennis, MKT.
- Well intended, heavy on the activities, less so on preservation and protection. Not as "green" as I would like, but probably consistent with community values.
- Amazing Parks and Recreation, best in any city I've lived in.
- Recreation.
- I don't use the trails and hiking paths too much, but I think for those who spend time outdoors know the safety when it comes to late night events.
- I think they are the people who keep the parks so pretty.
- Great, but it's time to spend money on crime control.
- My children and grandchildren have used and enjoyed the Columbia Parks and Recreation for many years in total.
- They talk about bike and hike trails and tired of hearing this. We need roads fixed and clean parks.
- Lovely parks, they are in great condition. Don't mind paying for existing parks, but tired of trying to pay for more parks. With road conditions, we are park poor. The streets in the parks are better than our Columbia roads. Don't get me wrong, love the parks, but sometimes we need to take care of city infrastructure.

- Trails cleared of snow before area streets. Paved trails in neighborhoods with NO sidewalks!
- Good feelings.
- Quantos?
- I enjoy the trails, but think the maintenance has a long way to go. Many are poorly designed which leads to maintenance problems. Planning the layout will pay big dividends down the road, resulting in less maintenance. Water needs to drain from the trails as soon as possible allowing it to run down a hill on the trail, leads to ruts.
- Community.
- Great parks, trails and events.

- Too much , too many and usage per capita is dismal.
- Comforting, clean and relaxing.
- Continue to educate the public about the trails and encourage their use. Maybe a community wide fitness challenge?
- Nothing in particular.
- Positive, plentiful.
- Great job done. The recreation center.
- Walking the trail. Biking the trail.
- Riding my bike on the trails, organized sports facilities, the ARC and playgrounds.
- I'm glad that Columbia has a pretty good Parks and Recreation Department and am in favor of improving what's already quite good.
- Trails and parks. We do not need the ARC or more facilities like that!
- Happy.
- A good time had by all!
- Trails, outdoor activities, great leisure opportunities.
- Church picnics.
- Waste of time, money, and effort, but not quite as stupid as most of the City of Columbia policies.
- Fun, free activities and recreational opportunities.
- Fun. Outdoor activity.
- Well organized, many offerings, good services.
- Very good provider of recreation.
- Dog parks, great walking trails and fun outdoor community gatherings.
- Please build an indoor hockey rink. I personally will participate/invest in this.
- Getting outside to exercise and enjoy nature.
- Nice overall.
- Pools, the ARC, Stephens Park, Twin Lakes, Golf course.

- Parks and Recreation does an excellent job of balancing the needs and desires of the community.
- One of the best City departments.
- Good value.

- Wonderful biking/walking trails, but last year I was biking on Bear Creek and there was way too much gravel. I slid, lost control of my bike going downhill and ran into a tree and broke my arm. Even though it is the trail close to my house, I haven't been on it since. Too much gravel.
- Wonderful.
- Health, community, entertainment.
- Safe outdoor places to recreate. Good recreation programs.
- Love Stephens Park and the ARC. Use both all of the time.
- Beautiful parks that serve our community well.
- Mostly organized sports, parks facilities.

- Wonderful facilities that are an asset to the entire community.
- Trails.
- I think taxes should be used for other things like our bad streets.
- The ARC and trails.
- Community inclusion.
- Golf courses and public parks.
- A good option for the people of Columbia, which does not need to be upgraded with a permanent tax increase.
- Beautiful city parks and sports facilities!
- Nice.
- Fitness, relaxation, fun.
- Trails.
- The website is out of date. Good parks/trails.
- Katy Trail. ARC.
- Parks. Fun. Safe.
- Comprehensive, balanced, well-run.
- Opportunities for children to engage in healthy activities.
- Especially important now that we have grandkids and want them and ourselves active and healthy.
- The ARC.
- Progressive, attracts residents and business.
- Show me games, great trails, greenspace.
- Commitment to health and leisure.
- The trail is great environment to spend an afternoon relaxing and enjoying the beauty of the nature. Study has and continues to show that spending time outdoor can reduce stress.
- Excellence.
- Ambition without a plan.
- Family friendly.
- MKT trail.
- Misspent city funds that could be better spent in other areas of the city.
- Recreation, healthy, but also some violence, for example Douglass.
- Quality, multiple options. Our parks are awesome and a real treasure to our community.
- An important and well supported, competent to improving quality of life in Columbia.
- Nice community facilities that benefit health and well being.
- Some good thoughts, like trails. Very frivolous at times, such as ice skating, equestrian, etc. If these are such good ideas, then should be private.
- One of the premier services provided by the City of Columbia.
- Trails for run/bike/walk. The ARC.

- The city never stops wanting parks! We have enough! How about an indoor ice skating rink?
- We don't have even one of those! But don't make it a membership thing. Make it pay as you go.
- A good operation. Thanks for all you do.
- Sports, parks, ARC and Armory.
- We are blessed to have such an outstanding resource.
- Facilities that encourage health and wellness, opportunities for children to experience sports and athletic skills. Also, community gatherings.
- Cosmo Park.
- Outdoor parks, picnics, nature trails/walks, playgrounds, and community building.
- The nice trails, Stephens Lake Park. We are new to Columbia, just moved here July of 2014, so have not used a lot of the trails and other facilities. Hope to bike and walk the wonderful trail system.
- Park trails around the city. Good parks.
- Great parks and trails. Keep up the good work.
- Use to be better. New leaders not as good as old ones.
- Lots of diversity and cost. Great programs.
- Waste. Quit spending and raising taxes!
- Awesome running trails and adult softball games at Rainbow Park.
- Well run, focused, caring.
- Being outdoors.
- Positive.
- Stephen Park, MKT Trail.
- Providing our community with opportunities and access to health, wellness and leisure.
- Nothing for youth in West Columbia. Swimming, Twin Lakes is for dogs and Pirates Cove for babies.
- Exceptional system and programs which greatly enhance our city's quality of life.
- Take too long to complete projects. Competitive business would get it done sooner
- Develop in lower socioeconomic areas. I can drive my care anywhere but get buses going there.
- Would be a good investment.
- Parks, Stephens Lake, Lions-Stephens Park, activities for children, ARC.
- Trails.
- The MKT Trail and Cosmo Park fields.
- Columbia Parks a really good asset to our community.
- Well managed, clean, safe. Many opportunities to do something physical.
- Golf courses, Cosmo Park, the Armory.
- High quality, dedication, vision.
- Providers of great trails, parks, and responsible for making Columbia a great city to live in.
- How fortunate we are to have access to such great facilities in Columbia, and we have traveled quite a bit and experienced facilities in other cities.

- A well run city park system with great trails, which is a draw for people to move here, retire here and stay healthy.
- Youth/adult sports.
- Kids' activities/events/swim lessons.
- Green space, parks, walking trails, Recreation center, splash parks, Stephens Lake.
- Affordable or free healthy family activities for people and animals.
- It is one of the things I am most proud of!
- Good things! Warm fuzzies! Happy memories with my family!
- That there is a good location for exercise, entertainment, enjoyment, available in the city.
- More trails, that's all the city wants.

- Lack of safety, (gun shots, stabbings, drug dealing). Nowhere did it ask about park safety and money allocation to that.

- I think of how much Columbia Parks and Recreation adds to the quality of life to the residents of Columbia.

- Sports and hiking.
- The trail loop and the ARC.
- Kick ball and dog walks.
- Above average City parks!
- Healthy active city.
- Green space and livable community. Great places to spend time outdoors.
- Good times!
- ARC, Armory, programs.

- Columbia Parks and Recreation is such an excellent department with such a wide variety of programs for everyone. We haven't used any programs for quite a while, but we certainly have in the past and so have our children and their children. We have always found the facilities clean and well kept and loved it all! Thank you!

- Important to quality of life and community.
- MKT Trail, ARC.
- Green areas, recreational opportunities.
- Fun.
- Positive, well managed, values community input.
- Quality, but tends to be expensive.
- Free access to publicly owned parks.
- Fabulous!
- Positive. I support using Park and Recreation money to support the farmer's market facility.
- Nature, fitness, overall health, sports, attracting new families to Columbia. Trails, parks, swimming, children unity.
- A place to have fun or family gatherings.

- Has a lot of property in the city. Need to maintain what we have and better spend our tax money protecting our city.
- Fun!

- Stephens Lake Park, walking/running, swimming, playgrounds, togetherness.
- What's happening?
- Great times.
We have enough parks. Let's concentrate on keeping them well maintained. Maybe we can afford to lower the 1/8 to 1/16 if we didn't buy and develop any more land.
- Amazing facilities, very important to our City.
- Good things.
- Positive service organization that gives Columbia, Missouri high quality of life style.

- Nice facilities, but not within walking distance. Have to drive to get to a park or other facility.
Happy thought, Stephens Lake Park, for Columbia Park and Recreation. Sad thought, trails, expensive bridge trails. Columbia Parks and Recreation get about working to spend money on trails together so there are trails everywhere. I would like to see Phillips track of land developed with athletic fields.
- Money for taxes.
- Too much money. City increasing all other taxes. It has to stop.
- The ARC. Sports. Trails. Swimming/pools.
- Great parks, great facilities, something for everyone.
- Trail running!
- Trails, ARC, benefits to the community, health and wellness.
- Excellent resource.
- Your symbol.
The preservation of public green space dedicated to our community's need for outdoor recreation.
- Dog walking!
- For the time being, we do not need any more parks or trails.